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PATENT APPLICATION

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Gibson, Gerald Case:

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Group Art Unit: 2815

Filing Date

01/02/2002

Examiner: Chu

Title:

Split Barrier Layer Including Nitrogen-Containing Portion And Oxygen

Containing Portion

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SIR:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the **Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences** from the decision dated October 22, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims: 1-15.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

[] A Petition for Extension of Time for reply to the rejections is attached.

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